(c) and (d) Universities are autonomous bodies and the Central Government is committed to maintaining the autonomy of Institutions of higher learning.

Exorbitant fees in private educational institutions

326. SHRIDHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

whether Government have drawn up a plan to control private educational institutions charging exorbitant fees without approval of UGC and AICTE;

if so, the details in this regard;

whether Government is aware that some private institutions like IIPM is luring students with freebies like free laptops and foreign trips; and

if so, whether Government proposes to take stern action against such institutions and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATID. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Fee chargeable by private professional education institutions is regulated by the State level Fee Committees constituted as per the Hon'ble Supreme Court's judgement dated 14.8.2003 in the case' of "Islamic Academy of Education and another *Vs.* State of Karnataka and Others."

(c) and (d) Concerned regulatory bodies like All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and Medical Council of India (MCI) can take action in the event of violation of above orders. Besides, University Grants Commission (UGC) and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) also take action in case of violation of their respective regulations.

Teacher absenteeism in Jharkhand

327. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

how many schools do not function in Jharkhand due to absenteeism of teachers;

how many schools have just a single teacher or a single classroom which are having primary or middle level classes; and

by when all the schools would have a teacher for each class and a classroom for each of the classes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) As per information received from the Jharkhand Education Project Council, Ranchi, no school has been closed due to absenteeism of teachers in Jharkhand. The State has reported 6571 Government primary and upper primary school with single teacher and 1646 single classroom schools.

Under SSA till 2007-08, 91890 teachers, 16531 school buildings and 30120 additional classrooms have been sanctioned to Jharkhand.